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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

From *Tueſday July* 18. to *Thurſday July* 20. 1710.

From my own Apartment, July 19.

HAVING devoted the greater Part of my Time to the Service of the Fair Sex, I muſt ask Pardon of my Men Correſpondents if I poſtpone their Commands, when I have any from the Ladies which lie unanſwered. That which follows is of Importance.

SIR,

'YOU can't think it ſtrange if I, who know little of the World, apply to you for Advice in the weighty Affair of Matrimony, ſince you your ſelf have often declared it to be of that Conſequence as to require the utmoſt Deliberation. Without farther Preface therefore, give me Leave to tell you, that my Father at his Death left me a Fortune ſufficient to make me a Match for any Gentleman. My Mother (for ſhe is ſtill alive) is very preſſing with me to marry; and I am apt to think, to gratify her, I ſhall venture upon One of Two Gentlemen who at this Time make their Addreſſes to me. My Requeſt is, that you would direct me in my Choice; which that you may the better do, I ſhall give you their Characters; and to avoid Confuſion, deſire you to call them by the Names of *Philander* and *Silvius*. *Philander* is young, and has a good Eſtate; *Silvius* is as young, and has a better. The former has had a liberal Education, has ſeen the Town, is retired from thence to his Eſtate in the Country, is a Man of few Words, and much given to Books. The latter was brought up under his Father's Eye, who gave him juſt Learning enough to enable him to keep his Accounts; but made him withal very expert in Country Buſineſs, ſuch as Ploughing, Sowing, Buying, Selling, and the like. They are both very ſober Men, neither of their Perſons is diſagreeable, nor did I know which to prefer till I had heard them diſcourſe; when the Converſation of *Philander* ſo much prevailed, as to give him the Advantage, with me, in all other Reſpects. My Mother pleads ſtrongly for *Silvius*, and uſes theſe Arguments, That he not only has the larger Eſtate at preſent, but by his good Husbandry and Management increaſes it daily; That his little Knowledge in other Affairs will make him eaſy and tractable; whereas (according to her) Men of Letters know too much to make good Husbands. To Part of this I imagine I anſwer effectually, by ſaying, *Philander*'s Eſtate is large enough; That they who think 2000 *l.* a Year ſufficient, make no Difference between that and Three. I eaſily believe him leſs converſant in thoſe Affairs, the Knowledge of which ſhe ſo much commends in *Silvius*; but I think them neither ſo neceſſary or becoming in a Gentleman as the Accompliſhments of *Philander*. It is no great Character of a Man to ſay, He rides in his Coach and Six, and underſtands as much as he who follows his Plough. Add to this, That the Converſation of theſe Sort of Men ſeems ſo diſagreeable to me, that tho' they may make good Bailiffs, I can hardly be perſwaded they can be good Companions. 'Tis poſſible I may ſeem to have odd Notions, when I ſay I am not fond of a Man only for being of (what is called) a Thriving Temper. To conclude, I own I am at a Loſs to conceive how good Senſe ſhould make a Man an ill Husband, or converſing with Books leſs complaiſant.

CÆLIA.

The Reſolution which this Lady is going to take, ſhe may very well ſay is founded on Reaſon: For after the Neceſſities of Life are ſerved, there is no manner of Competition between a Man of Liberal Education and an Illiterate. Men are not altered by their Circumſtances, but as they give them Opportunities of exerting what they are in themſelves; and a powerful Clown is a Tyrant in the moſt ugly Form he can poſſibly appear. There lies a ſeeming Objection in the thoughtful Manner of *Philander*: But let her conſider which ſhe ſhall oftner have Occaſion to wiſh, that *Philander* would ſpeak, or *Silvius* hold his Tongue.

The Train of my Diſcourſe is prevented by the urgent Haſt of another Correſpondent.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*, *July* 14.

'THis comes to you from one of thoſe Virgins of Twenty five Years old and upwards, that you, like a Patron of the Diſtreſſed, promiſed to provide for; who makes it her humble Requeſt, that no Occaſional Stories or Subjects may (as they have for Three or Four of your laſt Days) prevent your publiſhing the Scheme you have communicated to *Amanda*, for every Day and Hour is of the greateſt Conſequence to Damſels of ſo advanced an Age. Be quick then, if you intend to do any Service for

Your Admirer,

Diana Forecaſt.

In this important Affair, I have not neglected the Propoſals of others. Among them is the following Sketch

Sketch of a Lottery for Perſons. The Author of it has propoſed very ample Encouragement not only to my ſelf, but alſo to *Charles Lillie* and *John Morphew*. If the Matter bears, I ſhall not be unjuſt to his Merit: I only deſire to enlarge his Plan; for which Purpoſe I lay it before the Town, as well for the Improvement as Encouragement of it.

The Amicable Contribution for raiſing the Fortunes of Ten young Ladies.

'*Imprimis*, It is propoſed to raiſe 100000 Crowns 'by Way of Lots, which will advance for each La- 'dy 2500 *l.* which Sum, together with one of the 'Ladies, the Gentleman that ſhall be ſo happy as 'to draw a Prize, (provided they both like) will 'be entitled to, under ſuch Reſtrictions hereafter 'mentioned. And in caſe they do not like, then 'either Party that refuſes ſhall be entitled to 1000 *l.* 'only, and the Remainder to him or her that ſhall 'be willing to marry, the Man being firſt to de- 'clare his Mind. But it is provided, That if both 'Parties ſhall conſent to have one another, the 'Gentleman ſhall, before he receives the Money 'thus raiſed, ſettle 1000 *l.* of the ſame in ſubſtan- 'tial Hands, (who ſhall be as Truſtees for the ſaid 'Ladies) and ſhall have the whole and ſole Diſ- 'poſal of it for her Uſe only.

'*Note*, Each Party ſhall have Three Months Time 'to conſider, after an Interview had, which ſhall 'be within Ten Days after the Lots are drawn.

'*Note alſo*, The Name and Place of Abode of 'the Prize ſhall be placed on a proper Ticket.

'*Item*, They ſhall be Ladies that have had a li- 'beral Education, between Fifteen and Twenty 'three, all genteel, witty, and of unblameable 'Characters.

'The Money to be raiſed ſhall be kept in an 'Iron Box, and when there ſhall be 2000 Sub- 'ſcriptions, which amounts to 500 *l.* it ſhall be ta- 'ken out and put into a Goldſmith's Hands, and 'the Note made payable to the proper Lady, or her 'Aſſigns, (with a Clauſe therein to hinder her 'from receiving it, till the fortunate Perſon that 'draws her ſhall firſt ſign the Note) and ſo on till 'the whole Sum is ſubſcribed for: And as ſoon as '100000 Subſcriptions are compleated, and 200 'Crowns more to pay the Charges, the Lottery 'ſhall be drawn at a proper Place, to be appointed 'a Fortnight before the Drawing.

'*Note*, Mr. *Bickerſtaff* objects to the marriageable 'Years here mentioned; and is of Opinion, 'they ſhould not commence till after Twenty 'three. But he appeals to the Learned, both 'of *Warwick-Lane* and *Biſhopſgate-Street*, on 'this Subject.

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A Conſort of MUSICK will be performed in the great Room at Hampſtead on Saturday next, being the 22d Inſtant, at the Deſire of ſeveral Gentlemen and Ladies living in and near Hampſtead, by the beſt Maſters. Several of the Opera Songs will be performed by a Girl of 9 Years old, a Scholar of Mr. Tenoe's, who never performed in Publick but once at York-Buildings with very good Succeſs. Beginning exactly at Five, for the Conveniency of Gentlemen's Returning. Tickets to be had only at the Wells, at 2*s.* 6*d.* each. For the Benefit of Mr. Tenoe.

*** Whereas there is a Paper lately publiſh'd, Entitl'd, The Biſhop of Oxford's Speech in the Houſe of Lords, March 1706-7, Printed for A. Baldwin in Warwick-Lane: Theſe are to certify, That the ſaid Paper was printed without his Lordſhip's Direction or Knowledge; and that it is a very incorrect, imperfect, and faulty Copy.

SIR William Read, Her Majeſty's Oculiſt, is now at his Houſe in Durham-yard in the Strand, London, having ſeveral Perſons of Quality and others to attend in Diſtempers relating to the Eyes; and has lately performed ſeveral remarkable Cures upon many that were blind from their Birth of Cataracts, and multitudes whoſe Sights were much deſpaired of, ſome by violent ſharp Humours from the Small-Pox, and ſuch like Accidents, that often produce great Inflammations, Albugoes, Unguloes, or Fiſtula Lachrymalis, which he or his Lady ſpeedily cures. Her Majeſty's Seamen and Soldiers he continues to cure Gratis. Note, Sir William takes off all Sorts of Wens, and cures Wry-Necks and Hair-Lips without Blemiſh, tho' never ſo deformed.

MOrning-Gowns for Men and Women, of Silk, Stuffs, and Callicoes (being the Goods of Perſons that failed) which were to be diſpoſed of at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now to be ſold at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; with a freſh Parcel at very low Rates, the Price being ſet on each Gown.

IT being induſtriouſly given out by ſome malicious Perſons, That the Houſe of the late Claudius Gillart at Hoxton, for the Accommodation of Lunaticks, is ſhut up; Theſe are to certify, That the ſaid Houſe is ſtill kept by William Prowting, Apothecary, who has all Conveniencies fitting for ſuch Perſons; as a large Houſe, pleaſant Gardens, &c. and gives Liberty to any Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, or adminiſtring Phyſick to thoſe that are recommended by them.

*** The Library of the Lord Viſcount Falkland, being a Collection of the moſt valuable Hiſtorians, Travels, &c. of the beſt Editions, in French, Engliſh, and Latin, moſt of them gilt and letter'd; will begin to be ſold this Day, the 20th Inſtant, at 9 in the Morning, at the Roſe-Tavern without Temple-Bar. The Price of each Book to be inſerted on the firſt Leaf. The Sale to continue 3 Days, and no longer. Catalogues to be had at Mr. Strahan's near the Royal-Exchange, Mr. Clement's in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Brown's without Temple-Bar, Mr. Ward's in the Inner-Temple-Lane, Mr. Vaillant's againſt Bedford-Buildings in the Strand, and Mr. Harding's in St. Martin's-Lane, Bookſellers, and at the Place of Sale. N. B. The Books may be viewed at the Place of Sale.

NOtice is hereby given, That 53 Hds. of extraordinary French Claret will be put up to Sale, at 25 l. per Hogſhead, at Garraway's Coffee-houſe in Exchange-Alley, this Day, being the 20th Inſtant, at Three in the Afternoon. Catalogues may be had at the publick Sale Warehouſe on the North Part of the Royal Exchange, up the Stairs of Threadneedle-ſtreet Side. Likewiſe where Notes will be given to the Cooper, in order for Gentlemen and others to taſt the Wines.

NOtice is hereby given, That the Sale of Lace at the Lace-Chamber on Ludgate-Hill, will be drawn on Wedneſday the 2d of Auguſt next, at Stationers-hall near Ludgate. There are ſtill ſome Tickets to be diſpoſed of.

THE Sale of Goods at the Comb Shop in Cannon-ſtreet, will be drawn at Weavers-Hall in Baſinghall ſtreet the 28th Inſtant, if full; if not, the 30th of Auguſt. Tickets to be had at the Place aboveſaid, at the Bow's-Head and Blue-Anchor in Cheapſide; at Mrs. Marſhal's, a Staff Shop, next Door to the Vine Tavern in Long-acre, and at Bedford's Coffee-houſe in Bedford-Court in Bedford-ſtreet in Covent-Garden, at 1 s. per Ticket.

THE Sale of Goods which are to be ſeen at Mr. Bale's, Watch-maker, in Newcaſtle-Court without Temple-Bar, will be drawn the 31ſt of this Inſtant. Tickets to be had at the Place aforeſaid.

THE Sale of fine Milliners Goods, and other nice Curioſities, is to be ſeen at the White Periwig, next Door to Mr. d'Oyly's in the Strand; where Tickets may be had at 12 d. per Ticket: Which being near full, will be drawn on Thurſday the 3d of Auguſt next, at Mr. Hale's School in Hungerford Market.